

# Nuristan Clashes Enter 5th Day: Governor

JALALABAD - Taliban militants continued their attacks on the Doab district of eastern Nuristan province for a fifth day on Wednesday, the governor said. Hafiz Abdul Qayum told Pajhwok more than 450 militants from several districts of Laghman and Nuristan provinces were involved in the attacks but so far no side had casualties. However, he said four civilians including women and children were injured when a



rocket hit their house. The governor said the road to Doab district had been closed and the clashes prolonged after bad climate halted air supplies. He assured that no police check-points had been captured by Taliban. Nuristan provincial council chief Saadullah Nuristani told Pajhwok that the ground forces had already proven their worth but the lack of air support led to prolonged...*(More on P4)...(11)*

## Security Forces Kill 12 Militants within Day



KABUL - The Afghan security forces have killed one dozen militants in the latest operations, the country's Defense Ministry said on Wednesday. "Afghan army, police and personnel of intelligence agency carried out several cleanup and military operations within the past 24 hours, killing 12 armed militants and wounding 23 others," the ministry said in a statement. The joint forces also found and seized weapons during the raids launched in 11 of the country's 34 provinces, the statement said, without adding if there were any casualties on the side of the security forces. In one operation, eight militants had been killed and 13 others wounded after security forces cleared areas on the outskirts of Lashkar Gah city, capital of southern Helmand province, according to the statement. Helmand, notorious for poppy growing and militancy, has been the scene of heavy clashes between security forces and militants over the past months. The Afghan security forces have stepped up security operations against militants recently as the militants have been attempting to take territory and consolidate their positions ahead of winter in the mountainous country. The Taliban insurgent group, which has been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, has yet to make comments. (Xinhua)

## Ex-Balkh Chamber of Commerce Head Found Dead

MAZAR-I-SHARIF - A former chamber of commerce and industry director for northern Balkh province has been mysteriously killed after the attack on German consulate. Seven people were killed and 120 others were wounded in the attack on German consulate in Mazar-i-Sharif on November 11. After the attack, all roads in and around Mazar-i-Sharif city were blocked for two days and tight security measures had

been put in place. Mohammad Edress, a family member of the former Balkh chamber of commerce and industry director, Mohammad Hasham Barna, told Pajhwok Afghan News that Barna arrived in Mazar-i-Sharif from Kabul on the second night of the attack and they lost contact with him. "We thought he went to Jawzjan province to meet friends or had gone somewhere else, but after few days we got suspicious and sought help



from police and other organs, but none gave a positive response," he said. Edress said on Tuesday they received a telephone call from a hospital that Barna had been killed in a traffic accident and his body was in the hospital. He said security officials told him that when...*(More on P4)...(12)*

## Man Arrested on Charges of Raping 9-Year-Old in Sar-e-Pul

KABUL - A 36-year-old man was arrested in northern Sar-e-Pul province on Tuesday on charges of raping a nine-year-old girl, local officials said on Wednesday. The incident allegedly took place last week in Shiram area of Sar-e-Pul city. The man allegedly entered the child's house and raped her while her family was out, a spokesman for the provincial governor, Zabihullah Amani, said. "The man is named Gulbuddin and he was arrested by police. His case has been sent to the attorney general's office," he said. However, he did not provide more details about the incident. Two months ago a 10-year-old girl was raped in insecure Kohistanat district of the province. The alleged rapist fled the area after the incident. So far no one has been arrested in connection with this incident. (Tolonews)

## 3 ISIS Loyalists Arrested in Jalalabad City

JALALABAD - A group of three people were arrested by the Afghan police forces in Jalalabad city for having links with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group. The provincial police commandment in a statement said the three men were arrested during a special military operation conducted in the 4th police district of the city. The statements further added that the suspects were taken by the police



forces and are custody of the Special Forces unit for further investigation. The loyalists of the terror group have not commented regarding the report so far. The ISIS loyalists are actively operating in a number of the remote districts of eastern Nangarhar...*(More on P4)...(13)*

## Armed Men Kidnap Two Women Teachers in Ghor

KABUL - Sibghatullah Akbari, head of Ghor's education department, confirmed that armed men kidnapped at least two female teachers in Shahrak district of the province early Wednesday. The teachers were reportedly on their way to the provincial capital when the armed men abducted them and transferred them to an unknown location, he said. The teachers, who are



from Ghazni province, school in Shahrak district. (Tolonews)

## Bomb Attached to Lexus Vehicle Goes off in Kabul



KABUL - A magnetic bomb attached to a Lexus model vehicle went off on Wednesday evening in Lain Shahrak-i-Tilayee area of capital Kabul, but there were no reports about casualties, an official said. Hamayon Aini, 119 police hotline chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the incident took place in Karta-i-Naw locality area around 6pm today evening. Initial investigation showed the target was a national trader, he said. However, he did not provide information about the identity of the man targeted. Aini said police had launched their investigation into the blast. No information about A resident of the area said it was a powerful blast shattered window glasses of nearby buildings, injuring four civilians. (Pajhwok)

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



A clear purpose and a tight focus inspire you to use your intellect for a higher purpose. Thankfully, you're unlikely to be overwhelmed by the drama today because everyone seems to be doing their best to maintain a sense of civility and rationality. Messenger Mercury delivers a much-needed reality check as it runs into authoritative Saturn, but you might try to ignore it if you are convinced your beliefs are correct.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Confusing optimism with denial will likely lead you down a path that takes you to the wrong destination. Rational Mercury joins up with confining Saturn today, demanding that you pay close attention to the details, especially with respect to your core values and how they conflict with someone else's. It's tempting to work yourself into a corner by fearfully clinging to an old habit or belief.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Maintaining your confidence is nearly impossible today if people are being overly critical of everything you do. Just as you strike up the marching band to play your happy song, someone comes along and rains on your parade. Your happiness suffers when glib Mercury encounters austere Saturn, forcing you to ponder the more serious side of life. You might even consider solitude as a viable alternative to the never-ending uncertainty of relationships.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Shaking off your lingering negativity is an uphill battle today. You may be discouraged while quick-witted Mercury opposes pessimistic Saturn, but focusing on the issue at hand enables you to turn a bleak situation into a successful endeavor. Although there are heavy responsibilities resting on your shoulders now.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Although a wave of discouragement is washing through your life, you can seize this opportunity to assess which commitments are worth keeping and which ones need to end. This is an excellent time to manifest your heart's desire into reality by talking about your personal goals.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You're tempted to shut down and withdraw from communication now, but avoidance will cause much greater problems later on. The gravitas of these times is confirmed when contemplative Mercury joins authoritative Saturn, giving you the impression that your mental meanderings will lead you to the truth. Unfortunately, relying on the logic of your brain diminishes the message of your heart.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your fantasies come to an abrupt ending today as someone in your immediate environment reads you the riot act. It may seem as if their criticism lacks understanding and empathy. You might retreat emotionally as your fear of rejection rears its ugly head. Breaking into new ground is not easy to accomplish now, but pushing forward is your smartest strategy.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Focusing on solutions instead of problems puts you in a positive place where people can respond to you more favorably. Although the course of least resistance is alluring now, don't let your one-dimensional thinking turn into self-doubt when philosophical Mercury conspires with critical Saturn.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Your mind can shut down the vagaries of your heart so fast today that it leaves your head spinning. Nevertheless, your best ideas are still challenged by nearly everyone that you bring into your inner circle as contentious Mercury strategizes with obstinate Saturn in your very social sign. Thoughtfully consider your next move or you will find yourself backpedaling sooner than you think.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



Although you're looking for solid answers, people probably give you weak excuses if you try to pin them down. If you're not receiving the approval you desire today, or if others disappoint you in some other manner, don't take it so personally. It's all too easy now to see everything in a negative light as perceptive Mercury hooks up with cold Saturn.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

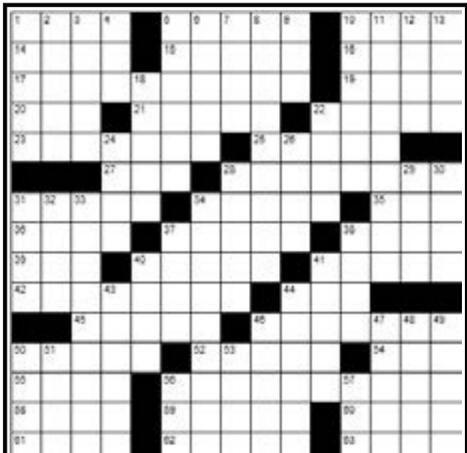


You may feel restrained by the necessity to work as part of a group today. However, your position is different than everyone else's and you're compelled to share it regardless of the consequences. The stakes of the current conflict are raised and then raised again; power struggles are symptomatic of repressed anger that needs to find constructive expression.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



It doesn't seem right if your best ideas are shot down today before they are even heard. However, messenger Mercury's conjunction with strict Saturn is likely to reveal the weakest links in your chain of logic. It's a mistake to hunker down and resist the opposition now; there will be time for fighting soon enough. Instead, listen to the feedback, even if it's excessive in its negativity.



#### Across

1. Provisions, 5. Poplar tree, 10. Eyebrow shape, 14. XXXX, 15. Soft drinks, 16. Nil, 17. Deprive, 19. Affirm, 20. Whole, 21. Menial laborers, 22. Extraterrestrial, 23. A 19th century art movement, 25. Wall climbers, 27. N N N N, 28. Term for food poisoning, 31. Half of six, 34. Wails, 35. Petroleum, 36. Lion sound, 37. Conflicts, 38. Picnic insects, 39. Anagram of "Ail", 40. Not true, 41. A friction match, 42. A star with 5 points, 44. Bog, 45. Classifies, 46. Exalt, 50. A piece of information, 52. Less friendly, 54. Compete, 55. God of love, 56. Impasse, 58. Engage in logrolling, 59. Twilled fabric, 60. Cry, 61. Docile, 62. Fruity-smelling compound, 63. Probabilities.

#### Down

1. A type of tree, 2. Axial, 3. Electrical pioneer, 4. Clairvoyant's gift, 5. Judge, 6. Breast, 7. Biblical garden, 8. Sluggishness, 9. S, 10. A type of rhododendron, 11. Alterations, 12. Algonquian Indian, 13. Warning device, 18. Express a thought, 22. Goals, 24. Lascivious look, 26. Volumes (abbrev.), 28. Interrupt temporarily, 29. Anagram of "Tine", 30. If not, 31. Snare, 32. Puncture, 33. Downburst, 34. Oil drilling places, 37. Proven information, 38. Parental sister, 40. Ranch, 41. Anxieties, 43. Dishevel, 44. Tributary, 46. Overindulge, 47. Overgrown with ivy, 48. Registered, 49. Yaps, 50. Money owed, 51. Diva's solo, 53. A heavy open wagon, 56. South southeast, 57. Pair.

#### Yesterday's Solution



above, adore, alien, avoid, blonde, crave, debt, desire, dice, dream, dour, enjoy, enterprise, evades, health, hinder, joint, leader, lunar, patch, peace, person, place, planet, rain, reach, return, starship, technical, travel, understand, venture, wheel, wont, yearn.

